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Tank Units in Kazanluk

1. Unidentified tank units are quartered in the barracks located near the last houses on the western side of Kazanluk, not far from the northern side of the road to Kalofer and Karlovo, and almost in the corner formed by the old and new roads to these cities, about 500 meters east of the crossing of the old road with the Sub-Balkan rail line. [redacted] 250-300 soldiers were quartered in these barracks. 25X1
2. The barracks area, which is almost triangular in shape, with sides 400-500 meters in length, is enclosed by a barbed wire fence approximately 1.5 meters high. In this area [redacted] 5-6 buildings as follows: 25X1
 - a. One 2-story building, approximately 10x15 meters in size, painted, roofed with red Marseilles tiles; this building was used as sleeping quarters for soldiers and also as the unit headquarters; and
 - b. 4-5 buildings, 1-story high, identical, also roofed with red Marseilles tiles; [redacted] 25X1
3. On the west side of the central building [redacted] observed approximately 20 tanks, three of which were small [redacted] the remainder were large tanks [redacted] identified them as T-34/85 medium tanks. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] not [redacted] other types of tanks in the barracks area and [redacted] both the large and small types of tanks have a crew of four men.
4. The training area for the tanks is located on a level, almost bare hill adjacent to the west side of Koprinka village (N 42-38, E 25-21), Kazanluk Okoliya. When tank maneuvers are being held near this height, guards are posted to stop residents of the neighboring villages from passing through this area.

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5. On this same hill where the tank maneuvers are carried out, there is a small building in which are stored materiel from the town's gun and ammunition factory, where guns are bored prior to testing. These tests are made on the same hill, near this building. At this same location, bombs of an unknown type were tested. [redacted] after the explosions, holes about one meter deep and about two meters in diameter were made. Hand grenades and rifles were also often tested here. The whole area around this building was badly devastated from the testing of materiel produced by the weapons and munitions factory. The testing was carried out every 2-3 days.¹ 25X1

Artillery Unit in Kazanluk

6. The barracks of an unidentified artillery unit, strength about 500 men, are located approximately 500 meters east of the barracks of the tank units, on the north side of the new road to Koprinka and Kalofer, inside the town.
7. The barracks area is approximately 400x200 meters in size, includes 5-6 buildings and is enclosed by a brick wall approximately two meters high. [redacted] 25X1

Miscellaneous Military Units

8. [redacted] 25X1
- location and branch of service:
- a. An unidentified artillery unit is located in the city of Devin.³ and
- b. An unidentified infantry unit is located in Peshtera.⁴

Comments:

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[redacted] an infantry unit was located in the city of Peshtera.

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